CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2010-0002 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0078948) For

CITY OF TURLOCK WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY STANISLAUS COUNTY

The City of Turlock (Discharger) owns and operates the City of Turlock Water Quality Control Facility (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works. The Facility is a regional facility that provides sewerage service for the City of Turlock and the community service districts of Keyes and Denair, and receives primary treated effluent from the City of Ceres. The Facility serves a population of approximately 78,000 people. Discharges from the Facility are regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0002, which authorizes the discharge of up to 20 million gallons per day of tertiary treated municipal wastewater to Harding Drain or the San Joaquin River, both waters of the United States, and tributary to the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta, within the San Joaquin River Basin.

An order is proposed to amend Order R5-2010-0002 to modify the monitoring requirements for the 126 California Toxics Rule Priority Pollutants. Monitoring of Priority Pollutants is required once per month during the 3rd year of the permit term. The purpose of the Priority Pollutant monitoring is to provide information to characterize the effluent and background receiving water quality in order to conduct a reasonable potential analysis for the next permit renewal. The proposed order reduces the monitoring frequency for total cyanide, asbestos, dioxin, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and chlorinated pesticides, which have not been detected in the discharge. The change will reduce the monitoring costs by the Discharger by approximately 70 percent and still result in sufficient data to adequately characterize the effluent and receiving water.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE:

1/2/3 August 2012

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room

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The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

City of Turlock representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the

Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m.** on **20 June 2012**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The proposed Order was issued on 18 May 2012. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on 20 June 2012. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 p.m. on 20 June 2012 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Jim Marshall at (916) 464-4772 or jdmarshall@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer